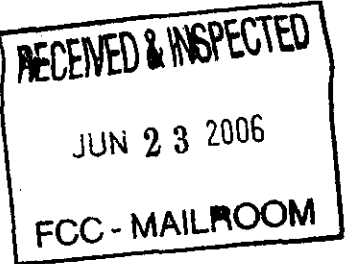


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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing an appeal and request for waiver on the following five Form 417 Applications: 538385, 538392, 538381, 538375, and 538287, pursuant to CC Docket No. 02-6 and CC Docket No. 96-45. All are for the same billed entity, the Aurora City School District, entity number 129521, and all of which were denied for being postmarked one day outside of the filing window [attached received letters].

I am requesting the appeal and waiver based on the recent FCC order 06-54A1, Bishop Perry Middle School, *et al.* The deadline was missed by one day due to clerical error and mitigating circumstances, not in any attempt to defraud the agency. I am solely responsible for filing the E-rate paperwork for the district, and was home most of Monday, February 13th to Wednesday the 15th with sick family. The portion of those days that I was in work was spent in emergency repairs of failing network servers. When returning to work on Thursday the 16th, I mistakenly believed I had until Friday the 17th to complete our Form 471 paperwork as I had mistakenly marked the deadline as that day in my calendar. I was unaware that I had missed the deadline until I signed on to the SLD website to complete the paperwork Friday morning.

The loss of these funds will be an incredible undue hardship to the Aurora City Schools, and are critically needed for maintaining and operating the District's technology operations. Our E-rate funding is nearly \$35,000, a significant portion of our operating telecommunications budget. We missed the deadline by one day, due to previously mentioned circumstances, and the hardship this imposes on our district is real and significant.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Schmitz
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**Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: Telephone
Form 471 Application Number: 538385**

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Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: Pagers
Form 471 Application Number: 538392

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Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: Cell Phones
Form 471 Application Number: 538381

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Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: Long Distance
Form 471 Application Number: 538375

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Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: Internet
Form 471 Application Number: 538287

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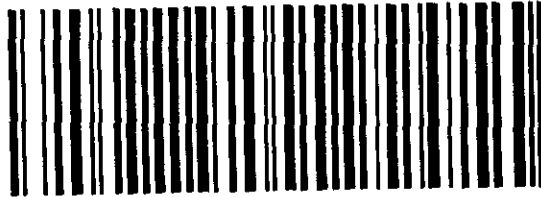
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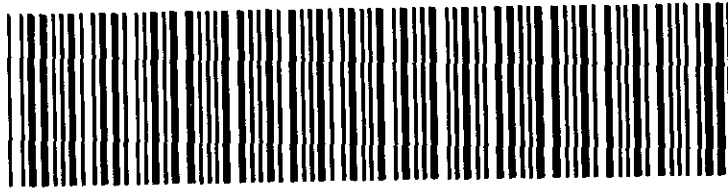
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